



CONNECTING CHINDEN BLVD. TO STATE ST.

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Work continues on Idaho 16 connection and local road system

Now: Work continues on the 2.5-mile extension of Idaho 16 connecting Chinden Boulevard (U.S. 20/26) to State Street (Idaho 44). Work has been under way since May 2012, constructing a 1,726-foot bridge over the Boise River and a new crossing of the Phyllis Canal, totaling \$30.2 million. Completion is expected by fall 2014.

This stage of the project provides new county roads and replaces access to all parcels adjacent to the project. About four miles of local roads will be impacted as crews connect accesses on either side of the new highway and perform numerous irrigation and utility relocations. Signalized intersections, level with the surrounding roadway, will be built at the junction of Idaho 16 and U.S. 20/26 and at the junction of Idaho 16 and Idaho 44. Local roads needed to provide new access also will be built.

Construction of this phase of the GARVEE-funded, \$8.76 million project will begin later this month.

The project will provide another vital north-south link in the Treasure Valley as population grows. The new bridge over the Boise River — the first new crossing in the area in 20 years — is expected to serve 22,000 drivers once it opens.

The new bridge will help reduce response times for emergency service providers (fire, ambulance, police) needing to get from Point A to Point B as quickly as possible. Economic opportunity and growth also are served as the bridge will provide a critical option for the reported 70 percent of Gem County's workforce that commutes outside of the county for work.



This is one of 121 girders for the bridge. Each girder is 155 feet long and 150,000 lbs. – 970 lbs per foot!

Future: Funding has **NOT** been identified for the southern build-out: a 6.5-mile route, with several interchanges, connecting Idaho 16 to Interstate 84. Funding has also **NOT** been identified for the northern route to Emmett.

Note: Information was included in the recent newsletter indicating that funding had been identified for the build-out of Idaho 16 to Interstate 84 — the funding source for the estimated \$400-\$500 million has NOT been identified. We apologize for the error.





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GARVEE Bonds help create a safe, efficient highway system for Idaho

GARVEE (Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle) bonds allow the Idaho Transportation Department to advance critical infrastructure improvements. The funding mechanism provides up-front capital to accelerate needed highway-system improvements. ITD pledges future federal revenue to repay the principal, interest, and associated costs.

The program has accelerated project development and construction in Idaho, allowing projects to be completed many years faster than through the traditional pay-as-you-go approach. Idaho's GARVEE program has taken advantage of numerous innovative process and performance measures to expedite overall program and project delivery.

Accelerating the construction timeframe on Idaho highways and interstate provides an immediate and positive impact by enhancing mobility, improving safety, and stimulating the economy. Improvements are expected to last 40 years; payments will be complete in just 18.

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